

PLEA MINUTISSIMA FUESSLY (HETEROPTERA: PLEIDAE) IN WEST CUMBRIA. — On 25th May 1984, I took several specimens of this minute aquatic bug among submerged weedy vegetation in a shallow pool near to the River Ehen, north of Egremont, (NY01.11).

*P. minutissima* has previously been recorded from Cumbria and T. T. Macan in his key to the British Water Bugs, (1965, *Scient. pubs. Freshwat. biol. Ass.* No. 16:66) in a short note states that the bug is mainly confined to the south of England and briefly mentions the occurrence of the species in the Lake district. In an earlier edition of the above publication, (1941:33) Macan records taking a specimen in New Tarn near Windermere, (SD42.93).

I wish to thank Dr. Peter Kirby, Nature Conservancy. Peterborough for kindly confirming the identity of *Plea minutissima* for me. — R. W. J. READ, 43 Holly Terrace, Hensingham, Whitehaven, Cumbria CA28 8RF.

LITHOPHANE LEAUTIERI HESPERICA BOURS. AND THERA BRITANNICA TURN. IN NORFOLK IN 1985 — I would like to report the following records from my garden trap in East Norfolk (TM 151793) during October 1985. On 25th October and again on 8th November I took single specimens of Blair's shoulder-knot, *Lithophane leautieri*, on each occasion accompanied by *Agrotis ipsilon*. On 19th October I took a small geometrid in the same trap which has been determined by Mr. J. Fenn as *Thera britannica*. I believe that these are the firstly records for these two species from VC 27. M. R. HALL, Hopefield, Norwich Road, Scole, Diss, Norfolk.

APION PALLIPES KIRBY, W. (COL.: APIONIDAE) IN WEST CUMBRIA. — while collecting weevils along the banks of the River Irt below Holmrook, (SD07.98) on 20th July, 1984, I swept three specimens of *Apion pallipes* from a few lowgrowing plants of dogs mercury by the side of Holme Bridge.

This beetle is regarded as being local in the British Isles, but according to Fowler is quite widely distributed. F. H. Day in his list of Cumberland Coleoptera, (1923 *Trans. Carlisle Nat. Hist. Soc.* 3:98) gives two localities, Edenhall, (NY56.32) and Cummersdale, (NY38.53): two specimens in Day's collection in the Tullie House, Museum, Carlisle are from Great Strickland, (NY56.22) and were collected by W. F. Davidson.

I should like to thank Mr. David Clarke, Curator of the Tullie House Museum, Carlisle for kindly allowing me to examine the specimens in the Say collection. — R. W. J. READ, 43 Holly Terrace, Hensingham, Whitehaven, Cumbria CA 28 8RF.